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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF INTERIOR ADVISES AGAINST ANTI-KISSINGER
DEMONSTRATIONS

1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR LUIS CISNEROS VIZQUERRA ON FEBRUARY 17 CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION OF AIRPORT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT. CISNEROS MET WITH NEWSMEN FOLLOWING INSPECTION AND STATED THAT GOP WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT IS THE MOST PLEASANT POSSIBLE.

2. CISNEROS CALLED UPON THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE VISIT TO ABSTAIN FROM ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD DISTORT THE IMAGE OF PERU (AS GRACIOUS HOST). CISNEROS SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE RECEIVED IN "THE SAME MANNER THAT PERU RECEIVED CUBAN VICE PREMIER RAUL CASTRO" AND OTHER FOREIGN LEADERS IN RECENT PAST, "FOR PERU MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD
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3. LEFTIST STUDENTS AND WORKERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A FEBRUARY 17-18 STRIKE AT UNIVERSITIES AND SOME FACTORY WORKERS DEMONSTRATED IN DOWNTOWN LIMA FEBRUARY 17, CHANTING ANTI-KISSINGER SLOGANS. POLICE QUICKLY MOVED IN TO DISPERSE GROUP. GOP SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE AGAIN ASSURED EMBASSY THAT NEITHER STUDENT NOR OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE TOLERATED DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT.
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4. COMMENT: PRESS REMARKS OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR APPEARED
INTENDED TO ELEVATE SECRETARY'S VISIT ABOVE POLITICAL OR
IDEOLGICAL BATTLEGROUND. CISNEROS THEREFORE STRESSED TRADI-
TIONAL PERUVIAN COURTESIES TO DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN GUESTS
WY
THER FROM CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST WORLD. FAR LEFT GROUP MAY
DO THEIR BEST TO LINK VISIT WITH ISSUE OF GOP'S STILL UNCERTAIN POLIT
ICAL
DIRECTION. FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATORS PASSED OUT LEAFLETS
TERMING KISSINGER "A FACIST KILLER WHO IS COMING TO NEGOTIATE

NKEE LOANS FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
(WHICH IS SELLING OUT THE NATIONAL PATRIMONY)".
ALTHOUGH STUDENTS WHO ARE STRIKING IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY
EMPLOYEES
MAY ATTEMPT TO WORK UP OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS FEBRUARY 18, WE ARE
CONFIDENT GOP HAS BOTH MEANS AND WILL TO MAINTAIN ORDER.
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